

TEEN CONTRACT FOR ONLINE SAFETY

1. I will **not** give out personal information on the internet.
2. I will **never** send a picture of myself to someone on the internet without first asking permission from my parents/guardians.
3. I will **not** meet someone face to face from the internet without first asking permission from my parents/guardians.
4. I will **not** respond to any messages that are suggestive, obscene, threatening or that make me feel uncomfortable.
5. I will talk with my parents/guardians and we will decide upon the time of day, length of time, and the appropriate areas for me to visit online.
6. I will **never** give my password to anyone.

Parent/Guardian

Teen

The most serious risk you face in cyberspace involves the possibility of someone hurting you because of information that you post, or someone else posts about you online, or because of something you do or somewhere you go as a result of what you encounter online.

Remember that nothing you write on the internet is private. Anything you write on the internet can be read by someone else online. Never give personal information in cyberspace (name, telephone number, employer, school information, frequent hangouts or credit card information).

Always use gender neutral names on the internet to prevent harassment.

Never respond to messages that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or make you feel uncomfortable.

Never arrange a personal meeting with anyone you meet online without your parents/guardians permission. If you do meet someone online, bring your parents/guardians with you, and meet in a public place.

Protect your privacy, cyber stalking and online harassment can be dangerous. If you become a victim of cyber stalking, **report it to the police immediately.**

It is a crime in Michigan to post harassing messages that may result in unwanted contact through the internet. (MCL 750.411s) Stalking someone through the use of the internet can result in you being charged with a crime and sentenced to time in prison. (MCL 750.411i and 750.145d)

Viruses can ruin your computer. Never open e-mail from someone you don't know. Even if you know the sender, an infected attachment may have been sent unknown to the sender from an infected computer. To be safe, scan the attachment with anti-virus software before opening it.

"Spam" (unwanted commercial e-mail) can be used to promote products, but criminals use "Spam" to defraud you. Never respond to "Spam" or follow any links, or purchase any products advertised in "Spam."

COMMON "SPAM" SCAMS

Fraudulent business opportunities
Bulk e-mail solicitations
Chain letters
Health and diet scams
Free goods
Cable descrambler kits
Easy terms
Prize promotions

Internet sports gambling is a crime in Michigan. For first time offenders you can be fined up to \$2,000.00, be sentenced to 2 years in prison, or both. Second time offenders face either a fine up to \$5,000.00, up to 5 years in prison, or both.

SIMPLE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR COMPUTER:

1. Use strong passwords. Choose a password that is difficult to guess.
2. Use virus protection software. Check daily for new viruses, signature updates, and scan all files on your computer periodically.
3. Do not keep your computer online when it is not in use.
4. Never open e-mail attachments from strangers.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.ag.state.mi.us

www.michigan.gov/msp

www.fbi.gov

www.safekids.com

www.missingkids.org

www.ftc.gov

www.netsmartz.org

**TO REPORT A
"CYBER-CREEP" CALL
1-877-5CYBER3**

**BE SAFE IN
CYBERSPACE -**

**KNOW THE
RISKS**

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